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(57) Abstract: A process for the preparation of an organosilicon condensate which comprises reacting together (A) at least one silicon containing compound having at least one silanol group; and (B) at least one silicon containing compound having at least one -OR group in the presence of (C) a calcium or magnesium catalyst selected to allow the reaction to proceed and (D) at least one solvent. Advantageous catalysts include calcium hydroxide, calcium oxide, magnesium hydroxide or magnesium oxide. Advantageously the solvent may be a protic solvent such as water, methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, 1-butanol and 2-butanol. The invention also relates to condensates, such as siloxanes, prepared by the process.

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